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24 JUN 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Photographic  
Interpretation Center

SUBJECT : Request for Approval of a Contract for  
Imagery Experimentation Support with  
[redacted] at a Cost of [redacted]  
from FY-1971 R&D Funds

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1. This memorandum requests approval for the commitment of R&D Funds for a contract. The specific request is stated in Paragraph 8.

2. The requested funding will enable [redacted] to fulfill a direct support role to the Ground Order of Battle Resolution Study being conducted by [redacted]. It will also permit [redacted] to provide similar support to other RED projects such as the [redacted] Imagery Interpretation Research Program and the [redacted] Color Training Program. The GOB Resolution Study is scheduled to begin in July and to end in December 1970. It requires local technical support not provided within the [redacted] contract. It is proposed that [redacted] be employed in this support capacity as an associate contractor to [redacted]. This effort would be a follow-on to previous miscellaneous services contracts in which [redacted] has fulfilled similar support functions. It is proposed that the period of performance under this contract be July 1970 through August 1971 in order to allow [redacted] to support the [redacted] projects after the [redacted] Study is completed.

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3. [redacted] assistance to [redacted] will consist primarily of coordinating PI participation in the GOB study. This role will require handling and administration of the study's test materials (experimental imagery, special PI keys, and test instructions), recompilation of some PI keys (if necessary), scheduling of subjects and interpreter equipment, actual data collection responsibilities, and formatting of the investigation's results in preparation for final analysis by [redacted]. Publication of a Top Secret addendum (on acquisition system implications) to the [redacted] final technical report may also be required of [redacted] since [redacted] has no facility clearance to originate documents

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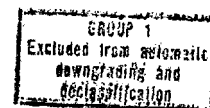
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beyond the level of Secret. There is little technical risk involved in this contract since its product, experimental data, will certainly be attained.

4. [ ] selection for the performance of these tasks is based upon the contractor's intimate familiarity with Center operations and their interface with Intelligence Community analysis functions. This knowledge is critical in dealing with Interpretation studies of this type since the entire imagery exploitation process must be simulated. The proposed contractor has performed competently on similar previous projects and possesses very specific familiarity with the current effort due to his involvement in its FY-1970 preparation phase.

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5. By utilizing a division of manpower between [ ] and [ ] NPIC saves money and gains efficiency. [ ] performs the more professional tasks of experimental design and data analysis, whereas [ ] augments such work with stimulus generation and data collection legwork activities not demanding the higher priced talent at [ ] could let a direct subcontract to [ ] for the required services, but the Center would lose money by allowing [ ] to play the profit-making middleman's role. Moreover, NPIC would lose a significant amount of project control afforded by the direct tie to [ ]

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6. Anticipated follow-on action to this joint [ ] study will be dependent upon Center, Agency, and Community decisions made on the basis of the study's results. No cost estimate can be attached at this time to such actions.

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7. [ ] will be the Project Officer for this contract. The sterility code, [ ] is appropriate for this work; the Project Officer will assign security classifications to the reports and/or other materials delivered.

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8. It is requested that the negotiation with [redacted]  
[redacted] for a contract to conduct the program de-  
scribed at a cost not to exceed [redacted] from Category 1  
FY-1971 R&D Funds be approved.

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Chief, Technical Services & Support Group  
NPIC

Attachments:

1. Proposal
2. Form 2420

APPROVED:

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Director

Date

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